

3. (Amended) A network according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the first data rate is a full speech rate and the second data rate is a half speech rate.

4. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

5. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

6. (Amended) A network according to [any preceding] claim 1, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

Please add new claims 13-22 as follows:

-- 13. A network according to claim 2, wherein the first data rate is a full speech rate and the second data rate is a half speech rate.

14. A network according to claim 2, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

15. A network according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined condition is that the number of channels established in the network exceeds a predetermined threshold.

16. A network according to claim 2, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

17. A network according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

18. A network according to claim 4, wherein the predetermined condition is the initiation of a channel with a second network.

19. A network according to claim 2, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

20. A network according to claim 3, wherein the two channels originate in the network.

21. A network according to claim 4, wherein the two channels originate in the network.